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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the paragraph regarding the Cross Reference to Related Applications to correct the priority information. Typographical errors in the application number and filing date of the parent application led to the confusion. The correct parent application number is 10/248,742, which was filed on February 13, 2003. Applicants have also updated the issued patent number information for both this application and application number 10/065,871.

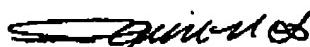
Applicants have also amended the Abstract to comply with the 150 words requirement.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-12 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on the claims in U.S. Patent Numbers 6,491,592, 6,471,604, 6,565,452, 6,582,323, 6,739,982, 6,739,983, and 6,758,763. Terminal Disclaimer with respect to each of these seven patents accompany this Response.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the outstanding rejections has been overcome and that claims 1-12 are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's Attorney, if such would advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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